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SUBJECT: DEATHS AND DISAPPEARANCES OF CHILEAN EXTREMISTS

1. THE ARTICLE IN QUESTION DID APPEAR IN THE JUNE 25TH ISSUE OF "O DIA" WHICH, AS YOU REPORTED, IS PUBLISHED IN CURITIBA, STATE OF PARANA. CONGEN EXPECTS TO RECEIVE COPY OF THE ARTICLE AND WILL BE ABLE REPEAT SUBSTANCE TELEGRAPHICALLY EARLY NEXT WEEK. A CONGEN SOURCE IN CURITIBA WHO READ THE ARTICLE STATED THAT IT WAS DATED FROM BUENOS AIRES WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION TO ANY NEWS SERVICE. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE ARTICLE LISTED 59 ALLEGED MEMBERS OF THE CHILEAN MIR IN ARGENTINA WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AFTER A FIREFIGHT IN SALTA BETWEEN LEFTIST EXTREMISTS AND ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES. THE ARTICLE REPORTEDLY DID NOT CLARIFY WHETHER ALL THE 59 ARE DEAD. THERE REPORTEDLY IS AN IMPLICATION THAT SOME OF THE 59 MAY HAVE ESCAPED.

2. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NO OTHER NEWSPAPER IN THIS CONSULAR
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DISTRICT PUBLISHED A LIST OF NAMES OF CHILEANS ALLEGEDLY

KILLED IN RECENT SKIRMISHES WITH ARGENTINE SECURITY FORCES.

3. "O DIA" IS AN INSIGNIFICANT, IRREGULARLY PUBLISHED NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY ALMIR H. LARA, A CURITIBA FINANCIAL COMMENTORIST AND BUSINESS AND TOURISM PROMOTER. WHILE FOUNDED IN 1870, "O DIA" HAS NOT BEEN IN CONTINUOUS PUBLICATION SINCE THAT DATE. IT WAS JUST REVIVED EARLIER THIS YEAR AFTER SEVERAL YEARS' LAPSE IN PUBLICATION. THE NEW VERSION HAS APPEARED MORE OR LESS ON A MONTHLY BASIS, THE JUNE 25 EDITION BEING THE THIRD SUCH EDITION SO FAR THIS YEAR. LARA ALSO PUBLISHES A FINANCIAL JOURNAL AND AN ECONOMIC BULLETIN IN CURITIBA. HE HAS NOT BEEN KNOWN TO BE ACTIVE POLITICALLY IN THE PAST, ALTHOUGH OUR SOURCE INFORMS US THAT "O DIA", SINCE ITS REINCEPTION, CONTAINS SOME MINOR COMMENTARY ON LOCAL POLITICS IN CURITIBA.

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